MR. K. T. THOMAS : May I take it that the matter has been disposed of ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN : No, it has not been disposed of.

Representations for a Village Panchayat at Vadakkekara.

343. ✻**MR. P. K. KUMARAN** (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have received any representations, departmental or otherwise, for instituting a Village Panchayat at Vadakkekara in the Parur taluk ;

(*b*) if so, how the matter stands at present ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter is under consideration.

MR. P. K. KUMARAN : With reference to answer to part (*a*) may I know at what stage the representation stands now ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN : In the matter of instituting Village Panchayat Courts, the Government can not take up all the Villages together. Parur is only of the places recommended for a Panchayath and Parur will come in when its turn comes.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI : May I know the officer who has control over the Village Panchayats ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN : The Division Peishkars.

Village Panchayats.

344. ✻**MR. JOSEPH VITHAYATHIL :** Will the Government be pleased to state how many Village Panchayats there are in the State ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN : Seven.

Working of the Rubber Factory.

345. ✻**MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum Town*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Rubber Factory, Trivandrum, is working now ;

(*b*) the amount that is due to Government up-to-date (14-11-1113) under the terms of the lease ; and

(*c*) the amounts that have been paid with dates of payment ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS : (*a*) No.

(*b*) Rs. 1,46,566-9-12.

(*c*) *Amounts*				*Date of payment.*
Rs.	Ch.	C.		
10,172	5	14	...	31-12-1936
55,947	4	5	...	16-7-1937
25,430	14	11	...	29-7-1937
17,588	23	2	...	3-9-1937
50	25	0	...	15-9-1937
Total 1,09,189	17	0.		

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MR. A. THANU PILLAI: I wish to know the items under which the amount of Rs. 1,46,566-9-12 is due to Government up to 14-11-1113?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: That includes rents for about seventeen months, an advance which has to be paid by the Company as a deposit which amounts to six month's rent, and the cost of chemicals which were sold to them when they took charge of the Factory.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: I find that Rs. 37,000 odd was in arrears on 14-11-1113. May I know from what date the payment fell into arrears?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: As a matter of fact, they were paying at different times. The statement furnished shows that even on 15-9-1937 they made a payment.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: What is the monthly rent?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Rs. 2,200 odd.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: Am I to take it that, after they took over the lease, they have paid absolutely nothing by way of rent.

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: No, they have paid Rs. 17,583 towards rent.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: Is it not clear that the arrears due up to 14-11-1113, namely, Rs. 37,000 odd, exceeds the total rent for the period of the lease till that date.

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: It does exceed the total rent taken as a whole; but what I am saying is that the rent also has been received along with other payments.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: Does the lease provide for any depreciation? In other words, is the company liable for depreciation?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Yes, Sir, the rent is calculated on the basis of depreciation also.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: May I know what percentage of the rent is allocated for depreciation?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: The rent is composed of an amount towards interest on the capital calculated at 4 per cent, another 2½ per cent. towards depreciation on the building, and a further 3½ per cent towards the depreciation of the machinery.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: Did the company furnish any security as a guarantee for regular payment?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: They had deposited some money; beyond that all their materials are in the factory itself.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: What is the kind of deposit?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Six months' rent.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: What is the actual amount of the deposit?

MR. C. KUDARA DAS: Rs. 10,000.

MR. A THANU PILLAI: Do the Government consider that that is sufficient security?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: As I said, the materials and manufactrued articles belonging to the company are in the factory, and it is expected that we shall be able to recover all our dues.

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MR. A. THANU PILLAI: May I know the total estimated value of the assets, belonging to the lessee, now in the factory?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: It will be over a lakh of rupees, according to the report.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: Does the Honourable member make himself responsible for that statement? Has he ascertained for a fact the value of those assets, or does he base his statement on the information of the Company's report?

PRESIDENT: Who is in possession of the factory now.

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Government, Sir.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: If so, what is the position to day? Has the lease terminated?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Technically, the lease has terminated and the Government are in possession of the factory; but negotiations are being carried on for the further working of the factory.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: With the same company?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: With that company as well as with others.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: May I ask why the Government entered into the contract with the company before being assured of its solvency, or capacity to carry on the work of the factory.

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: A joint stock company on limited liability basis was floated, and from the capital subscribed they were solvent, when they took over.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: From what date did the company begin to make default in respect of payment of Government dues?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: I claim notice.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: May I know why Government did not take immediate action when they made default in payment?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: There were protracted negotiations; Mr. P. V. Swaminathan, the promoter, fell ill, and it was not possible to push through the negotiations.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: May I ask whether, therefore, it was not after all a one-man's affair?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: In all companies, Sir, it is generally one-man the managing director, that runs the business.

PRESIDENT: Honourable member may inform the House who the prominent share holders in the company are.

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Mr. P. V. Swaminathan himself was a share-holder, Mr. A. V. Thomas, and Mr. Johnson are among the other prominent share holders

Monetary help to the State Aided Bank

346. ***MR. K. R. NARAYANAN** (*Vaikom* cum *Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state what monetary help they have rendered to the State Aided Bank of Travancore?

MR. K. J. CHERIYAN (*Financial Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to the recent Press Note dated 22nd February 1938 issued by Government defining the exact position.

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